

Remarks

The examiner requested restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 and § 372 to:

Group I, drawn to a method and a device and including claims 1-6, or

Group II, drawn to a method and including claims 7-16.

The applicants respectfully traverse the restriction for lack of unity of invention. The common special technical features in claims 1, 7, 15, and 16 are the steps and conditions for injection molding a liquid. Since all of the claims have a common special technical feature, the applicants respectfully request that the restriction be withdrawn. However, if the examiner should make this requirement final, the applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group II, including claims 7-16 at this time. The applicants make this election with traverse. The applicants make this election with traverse for the reasons discussed above.

To be eligible for rejoinder, a claim to a nonelected invention must depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of an allowable claim. The applicants have amended claims 1, 7, 15, and 16 to facilitate rejoinder under MPEP §821.04.

This reply is being submitted within the period for response to the outstanding office action. Although the applicants believe in good faith that no extensions of time are needed, the applicants hereby petition for any necessary extensions of time. You are authorized to charge deposit account 04-1520 for any fees necessary to maintain the pendency of this application. You are authorized to make any additional copies of this sheet needed to accomplish the purposes provided for herein and to charge any fee for such copies to deposit account 04-1520.

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